

IC 20-24.5-2**Chapter 2. Laboratory Schools****IC 20-24.5-2-1****Application; state educational institutions**

Sec. 1. This chapter applies only to the following state educational institutions:

- (1) Indiana University.
- (2) Purdue University.
- (3) Indiana State University.
- (4) Ball State University.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.209.

IC 20-24.5-2-2**"Board of trustees"**

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "board of trustees" has the meaning set forth in IC 21-7-13-9.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.209.

IC 20-24.5-2-3**"Laboratory school"**

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "laboratory school" refers to a preschool, an elementary school, or a high school described in section 4 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.209.

IC 20-24.5-2-4**Establishment of laboratory school by state educational institution allowed**

Sec. 4. The board of trustees of a state educational institution may, as the board of trustees finds a need exists, establish and conduct at the main campus of the state educational institution within the appropriate school or college of the state educational institution, laboratory schools for:

- (1) developing, testing, and evaluating new methods of instruction and materials;
- (2) comparing new methods with conventional methods in use;
- and
- (3) training teachers in new methods of instruction and materials, as is found acceptable.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.209.

IC 20-24.5-2-5**Board of trustees; powers**

Sec. 5. The board of trustees of a state educational institution may:

- (1) acquire sites for;
- (2) construct or acquire;
- (3) equip; and
- (4) furnish;

suitable buildings and appurtenances for a laboratory school.
As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.209.

IC 20-24.5-2-6

Sale of bonds to fund laboratory schools

Sec. 6. (a) To obtain funds required to carry out section 5 of this chapter, a state educational institution may issue and sell their negotiable, general obligation bonds payable out of any available funds of the state educational institution, including fees, charges, rentals, interest on permanent endowment funds, and legislative appropriations made for new construction, repair, and rehabilitation of buildings.

(b) Bonds issued under subsection (a) must:

- (1) be authorized by resolution of the board of trustees of the issuing state educational institution;
- (2) bear interest at any rate provided for in the authorizing resolution; and
- (3) be payable at the times and in the amounts within thirty (30) years from the date of issuance provided for in the authorizing resolution.

Bonds issued under subsection (a) may be callable before maturity as provided in the authorizing resolution.

(c) Bonds issued under subsection (a) shall be sold to the highest bidder at a public sale as provided by IC 5-1-11. Bonds issued under subsection (a) and interest on bonds issued under subsection (a) are exempt from taxation.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.209.

IC 20-24.5-2-7

Laboratory schools; special education programs

Sec. 7. Each special education program conducted by a laboratory school is subject to IC 20-35-4-1.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.209.

IC 20-24.5-2-8

Laboratory schools; grades

Sec. 8. Instruction in laboratory schools may be provided for:

- (1) preschool students;
- (2) kindergarten students;
- (3) special education students; and
- (4) all or part of the twelve (12) common school grades.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.209.

IC 20-24.5-2-9

Agreements with school corporations and educational organizations

Sec. 9. Agreements may be entered into with school corporations and educational organizations for:

- (1) the assignment of students to a laboratory school;
- (2) the payment of transfer fees; and

- (3) contributions to the cost of establishing and maintaining a laboratory school.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.209.

IC 20-24.5-2-10

Certain laboratory schools as charter schools for funding purposes

Sec. 10. A laboratory school that:

- (1) is operated without an agreement; and

- (2) has an ADM of not more than seven hundred fifty (750);

must be treated as a charter school for purposes of local funding under IC 20-45-3 and state funding under IC 20-20-33 and IC 20-43.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.209.

IC 20-24.5-2-11

Students attending laboratory schools; inclusion in ADM

Sec. 11. A student who attends a laboratory school full time may not be counted in ADM or ADA by any school corporation when the student's attendance is not regulated under an agreement.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.209.

IC 20-24.5-2-12

Reports; school corporation; state educational institutions

Sec. 12. (a) A school corporation assigning students to a laboratory school shall, at least once each year, prepare a report or reports, as required by law, governing the operation of the school corporation, showing:

- (1) the number of students attending;

- (2) the grades taught;

- (3) the methods of instruction used; and

- (4) the operational costs, as defined by law, per student.

(b) Each state educational institution operating a laboratory school shall prepare a report or reports, regardless of whether or not the state educational institution has an agreement with a school corporation. The report or reports must be prepared once each year and must contain:

- (1) a comparison of the results obtained by the new methods of instruction with the conventional methods of instruction; and

- (2) the new methods of instruction recommended for general use in public schools.

(c) A copy of each report must be filed with the department. The copies must be furnished to any legislative committee having an interest in the matters.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.209.